



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Jerald Howe Jr., Treasurer
Americans for Responsible Leadership
607 14th Street N.W., Suite 800
Washington, DC 20005

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Identification Number: C00344788

Reference: Year End Report (11/26/02-12/31/02)

Dear Mr. Howe:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule B supporting Line 23 of your report discloses one or more contributions to a candidate(s) for the 2002 primary election; however, the funds were disbursed after the election date(s) (pertinent portion(s) attached). Please note that contributions may not be designated for an election which has already occurred unless the funds are to be used to reduce a candidate committee's debts incurred during that election campaign.

If any apparently impermissible contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information.

If you have made an impermissible contribution, you must request a refund or provide a written authorization for a redesignation of the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR § 110.2(b) within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt.

If the foregoing conditions for redesignations were not met within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt, your committee must obtain a refund.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in

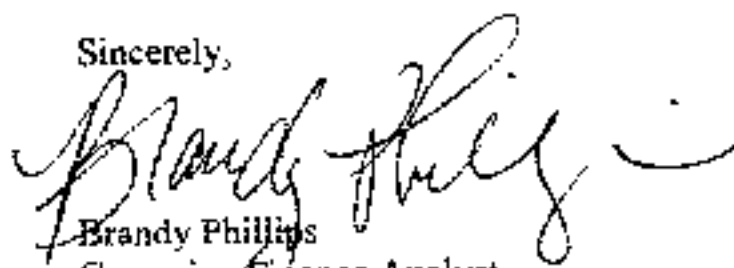
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writing and provide a photocopy of the refund or redesignation request sent to the recipient committee(s). In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received. Any redesignations should be disclosed as memo entries on Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the report covering the period during which the redesignation is made. 11 CFR § 110.1(b)

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding this impermissible activity, your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration.

A response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designation and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



Brandy Phillips
Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

SCHEDULE B (FEC Form 3X)
ITEMIZED DISBURSEMENTS

 Use separate schedule(s)
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 Detailed Summary Page

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (in Full)

Americans for Responsible Leadership

A. Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) Friends for Blanche Lincoln		Date of Disbursement 12 / 15 / 2002	
Mailing Address PO Box 3197 PD Box 118		Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 5000.00	
City Little Rock		State AR	Zip Code 72203
Purpose of Disbursement Contribution		Category/ Type AR primary	
Candidate Name Blanche L. Lincoln		5/21/02	
Office Sought: House <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Senate President	Disbursement For: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary General Other (specify) ▼	Transaction ID: D751	
State: AR	District:		

B. Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) New Democrat Network		Date of Disbursement 12 / 20 / 2002	
Mailing Address 501 Capitol Court, NE		Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 5000.00	
City Washington		State DC	Zip Code 20002
Purpose of Disbursement 2002 Contribution		Category/ Type	
Candidate Name			
Office Sought: House Senate President	Disbursement For: Primary General Other (specify) ▼	Transaction ID: D766	
State:	District:		

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SUBTOTAL of Disbursements This Page (optional)	\$0000.00
TOTAL This Period (last page this line number only)	10000.00

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